

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
THE INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Dr. Brian Wells (Southwest Fisheries Science Center) briefed the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) on the status of the Integrated Ecosystem Assessment (IEA). Dr. Wells highlighted that a primary goal of the IEA process is to develop tools that are accessible and useful to the Council and fishery stakeholders. Of critical importance to the GAP, Dr. Wells noted that information about the human dimension is currently included in the IEA (notably, the I/O PAC Model for Personal Income Impacts) and given equal weight to other model parameters.

Dr. Wells highlighted the strong intent of the IEA team to have an open, constructive dialog with the Council and fishery stakeholders. A series of workshops is being planned to identify IEA products that would be most useful to the Council and to review those product before they are finalized. One aim of these workshops appears to be to open lines of communication between the IEA customers and the IEA developers. The GAP recommends the Council endorse these workshops and work with its advisory bodies to identify representatives to attend the workshops. The GAP presumes travel costs for workshop participants would be covered by National Marine Fisheries Service.

The GAP appreciates receiving periodic reports about development of the IEA and the opportunity to provide our input at this nascent stage in the IEA development process.

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